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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants submit the proposed amendments and remarks in response to the final Office Action mailed February 24, 2003. The period for response to the final Office Action has been extended three months through August 24, 2003 by the request for three-month extension of time filed August 21, 2003. Applicants also filed a Notice of Appeal on August 21, 2003. Applicants respectfully request entry of the proposed amendments which place the claims in condition for allowance or at least in better form for appeal. Please amend the application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.